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4. [redacted] Accompanied Bruce Clarke to an unclassified briefing of Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, on the nature of the Soviet threat. The briefing was primarily directed to the historical background of the Soviet weapons program. Mr. Clarke also reviewed material which had been prepared by Bill Baroody, of DOD, and expressed his agreement with the figures contained in Baroody's paper. Braswell said this briefing would be most helpful to him in assisting Senator Stennis in his work on the ABM issue.

I asked Braswell if he had any reservations about our going ahead with the submission of our retirement package as indicated in the outline which we had provided him earlier. Braswell said he had no real problems on this but suggested that instead of a flat repealer of the ceiling on our number of retirements that we suggest a new ceiling figure. With regard to the section on the reemployment of retired annuitants, Braswell expressed some reservations about our following the Foreign Service provisions, but did not state a flat objection.

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